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## **San José Airport Begins Next Major Phase of Construction**

**San José, CA** – Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) will begin the next major phase of construction in July to improve customer service, convenience, and competitiveness for travelers and businesses as part of its \$1.5 billion program over the next three years.

Work on improvements for San José's airport began in 2004 with the construction of the new "North Concourse" between Terminal A and Terminal C, which is nearing the completion of its steel frame this August.

In the coming months, changes will be made that will impact parking, roadways, airline gates, security check-in, airport concessions and other operations. Airport officials will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to travelers and keep them informed as the work progresses.

The Airport's entire terminal improvement plan will be the largest public works project by the City of San José in its history. The plan will ultimately replace Terminal C, originally opened in 1965, with the new Terminal B and North Concourse, as well as enhanced customer amenities and operational capability at Terminal A, which opened in 1990.

In addition, the project includes a new 3400-space garage for the public and for rental cars, and improved Airport roadway circulation when completed in 2010.

"We've stayed focused on how we can improve the passenger experience and the ability of our airlines and airport to enhance customer service," said Bill Sherry, San José Director of Aviation. "When we're done, the New Airport for San José and Silicon Valley will be a gateway to the world that everyone can be proud of."

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The next stages of work on Terminal C will begin this July with the construction of a consolidated security checkpoint, leading to the relocation of airline ticket offices this fall. In addition, Airport roadways and short-term parking areas will be modified this summer to allow for construction at Terminal C and for the new garage.

The first phase of the new airport is scheduled to be completed in 2010. The second phase, which would extend the new terminal with a South Concourse, would be built when additional air service and passenger traffic warrant it in the future.

### **About Mineta San José International Airport**

Mineta San José International Airport, a self-supporting enterprise, is owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 10.8 million passengers and handled approximately 209 million pounds of air cargo in 2006. SJC has 180 flights a day on 13 domestic and international carriers to 30 nonstop destinations.

The Airport generates \$132.3 million in operating revenue. Mineta San José International Airport also generates \$4 billion in direct business spending in the local community and 70,000 jobs in the San José Area.

Mineta San José International Airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's 10th largest city (population of 973,672).

For more Airport information, visit [www.sjc.org](http://www.sjc.org), or call Airport Customer Service at (408) 501-0979. Motorists can also tune their radios to 530 AM within two miles of SJC for current information on airport traffic, parking and security.

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